the Apparel Training and Design Centres have been established to make available skilled manpower at managerial and shopfloor levels.

(iii) The pragmatic Cotton Yarn Export Policy followed over the years has resulted in qualitative upgradation in the spinning sector and healthy growth in cotton yarn exports.

(iv) The Textiles Committee, the Textiles Research Associations and the concerned Textiles Export Promotion Councils are taking steps to create quality consciousness among the textile exporters.

Developoment of National Highways in Madhya Pradesh With Foreign Aid

*450. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any proposal is under Government's consideration to develop and improve National Highways in Madhya Pradesh with foreign financial aid or otherwise;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the funds released by Government for improving and developing National Highways in the State during the last three years, year-wise?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T.G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) World Bank is financing the construction of 31.4 Km long Indore Bypass and 18 Kms. four laning and strengthening of Indore-Devas section of NH 3 at a cost of Rs. 291.31 crore. During the year 1997-98, works totalling to Rs. 50 crores have been proposed for sanction through budgetary support.

(c) Year-wise allotment of funds to the State of Madhya Pradesh in respect of original works is as under:—

Year	NH Original Works-Allotment (Rs. in crores)
1994-95	15.35
1995-96	20.20
1996-97	10.20

Attack on Railway Personnel by Army Personnel

*451. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN:
DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD:

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of increasing menace of Army personnel at Belgaum in Karnataka;

(b) if so, the action Government propose to take to prevent recurrence of such incident;

(c) whether it is also a fact that senior Army personnel were involved in a physical attack on police and railway personnel; and

(d) the action taken against the persons involved?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI MULAYAM SINGH YADAV): (a) to (d) Government are aware of an incident of assault and affray reported at Belgaum in Karnataka on the night of 15-16 March, 1997 in which some persons belonging to the police, the Railways and the Army were involved. An Inquiry has been ordered, which will bring to light the full facts, and the action needed.

Financial Assistance For Dakeswari Cotton Mills

*452. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Dakeswari Cotton Mills Limited, Calcutta had requested for a financial arrangement with the help of the Government of India from IDBI;